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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARCH 14 NOTE FROM SUDANESE
PERM REP MEDANI TO SYG WALDHEIM, CIRCULATED TO MISSIONS
BY UN AT SUDAN'S REQUEST:

QUOTE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR
TO REFER TO THE REPRESENTATION MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, BROUGHT TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ATTENTION
BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS IN HIS LETTER NO. 0119 A/ECA/RP, DATED
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APPARENTLY THE AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE HAS MISQUOTED THE
ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF SUDANOW MAGAZINE
AND CONSEQUENTLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE
MISUNDERSTOOD THE REAL INTENTIONS OF THE AUTHOR, H.E. MR. BONA
MALWAL, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE MAGAZINE, AND MINISTER FOR
INFORMATION AND CULTURE OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF

THE SUDAN.

I WISH TO BRING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ATTENTION THE TEXT OF THE PARAGRAPH REFERRED TO IN THE LETTER OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

(QUOTE) DISTURBANCES WERE ATTEMPTED EVEN ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDERS. UGANDA AND CENTRAL AFRICA WERE REPORTED TO BE UNDER THE SAME BIG-POWER THREAT.

EVEN CHAD TO THE WEST, WHICH HAS CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF ITS OWN, WAS BROUGHT UNDER VISIBLE PRESSURE TO OPEN ITS FRONTIER TO HOSTILE ACTIVITIES AND SABOTAGE AGAINST THE SUDAN. REPORTS FROM ALL THE THREE COUNTRIES --CHAD, CENTRAL AFRICA AND UGANDA -- INDICATE THAT THE LEADERSHIP IN THE THREE COUNTRIES WOULD NOT TRADE THE BROTHERLY AND GOOD NEIGHBOURLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND THE SUDAN FOR ANYTHING IN TERMS OF MONEY OR MILITARY PRESSURE. SO THE SUDAN WAS LEFT TO FACE THE BORDERS WITH LIBYA IN THE NORTHWEST AND WITH ETHIOPIA IN THE EAST. (UNQUOTE)

AS YOU MAY NOTICE, SIR, THE PARAGRAPH WAS MEANT CLEARLY AND EXPLICITLY TO STRESS THE FACT THAT CHAD, CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE AND UGANDA WOULD NOT TRADE THEIR BROTHERLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN FOR ANYTHING IN TERMS OF MONEY OR MILITARY PRESSURE.

FURTHERMORE, GIVEN OUR EXCELLENT AND MOST FRIENDLY
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RELATIONS WITH THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE, THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN WOULD NEVER THINK OF ACCUSING IT OF SERVING AS A BASE FOR HOSTILE ACTIVITIES.

I HOPE THE ABOVE WILL CLEARLY ELUCIDATE THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN ON THIS MATTER; A SIMILAR CLARIFICATION HAS BEEN CONVEYED BY THE KHARTOUM AUTHORITIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE THROUGH THE SUDAN EMBASSY IN BANGUI AND ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN KHARTOUM.

I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOUR EXCELLENCY IF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER WOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THIS ORGANISATION.

PLEASE ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
CONSIDERATION.

MUSTAFA MEDANI

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